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For: CRASH-SAFE VEHICLE)
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Copies of the documents are attached.

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1. A computer-generated English translation of Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-2000-142321 is enclosed, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. However, a concise explanation of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification.

2. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-B2-2946995 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,552,986 (copy attached), and a concise explanation of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification.

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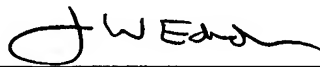
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